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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

3M Decatur  
Attn: James C. Banks, PhD  
1400 State Docks Road  
Decatur, Alabama 35601

Re: Compliance Evaluation Inspection and Compliance Sampling Inspection Reports  
3M Decatur Wastewater Treatment Plant  
NPDES Number AL0000205

Dear Mr. Banks:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) and a Compliance Sampling Inspection (CSI) of the 3M Decatur Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), owned and operated by the 3M Company (3M), from June 24 through June 26, 2019. The objective for the CEI was to assess 3M's compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and to evaluate the general condition of the facility inspected. The objective of the CSI was to determine the presence of Perfluorinated compounds in various WWTP and industrial storm water outfall discharges and at the wastewater influent locations to the WWTP. These inspections were conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. The inspection results have been summarized in the enclosed reports.

The CEI and CSI were part of a multi-media inspection that included permits associated with the CWA (storm water and wastewater), Clean Air Act (CAA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). CWA (stormwater), CAA, RCRA, and TSCA reports will be provided in separate correspondence.

The EPA appreciates 3M's cooperation and courtesy. If you have specific questions about the inspection report, please contact Mr. Dennis Sayre at (404) 562-9756.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: See Attached Mailing List

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